





Gov. Cleveland will hold a New Year's reception Thursday.

The total cotton crop of last year is estimated at 5,580,000 bales.

Cornelius Aultman, the millionaire manufacturer of Canton, O., is dead.

Next week half the county papers after a week's furlough, will come rushing in dated "January 1884."

Jno. H. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, has purchased the New York Star and will run it as a 2 cent Democratic daily in opposition to the World.

President Arthur's New Year's reception was the grandest affair of the kind ever held in the White House. Fifty ladies were invited to assist Mrs. McElroy, the President's sister, in doing the honors.

The statue of Rear-Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont was unveiled at Washington on the 20th ult. He was born in 1803 and died in 1865 and was a naval officer for 50 years in the service of the United States.

The latest report about Cleveland is that he received a plum cake from Kentucky on Christmas day which was analyzed and found to contain large quantities of deadly poison. Grover did not "take the cake."

It is said that Gen. Grant's personal property, including his sword and medals, presents received by him while aboard, his pictures, his two farms and his houses in Washington and St. Louis will have to be sold to pay his debts, unless his friends aid him financially. His financial troubles are causing his health to give way and his family are really alarmed at the ex-President's condition.

Spain was badly shaken up by an earthquake a few days ago and over a thousand lives were lost. 350 lives were lost at Alhama and 750 houses destroyed. 60 persons were killed at Periana, 300 in Malaga, 525 in Granada and in Alburquerque half the population was killed. At all these places and many others the destruction of property was very great. Many persons died of fright.

The Blake Opera House and Hotel block at Racine, Wis., burned Sunday morning. The "Beggars' Student" opera company was in the hotel and two of the members were burned. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Glover, a chambermaid, Mrs. Patrick, was also lost. The loss of the property was \$100,000 with \$48,000 insurance. The fire originated from an explosion.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall was hospitably received by the people of Louisville last Monday, and made a speech at night. He was entertained by Col. Oscar Turner, Mr. Jno. E. Green and Col. C. E. Sears while in the city. The list of prominent men present shows many of the leading citizens of the city. Conspicuous among the absentees was Hon. Henry Watterson. Mr. Randall's speech was in favor of a protective tariff and although his views were not endorsed by the greater portion of his hearers he was given a respectful hearing. This is creditable to the people of Louisville, who were counseled by some to pursue a different course. Let it never be said that Kentuckians are opposed to free speech, or refuse to hear both sides of a great political question in which the whole country is interested. Mr. Randall will visit other points in the South before his return to Washington.

#### KENTUCKY KNOWLEDGE.

Dave Hart was killed by Austin Dulany in a Christmas frolic at Louisville.

Edward Harlan was caught in the machinery of a paper mill and killed in Louisville.

In Jessamine county Jim Watkins, a powerful negro, killed his paramour, Florida Scott, Friday.

Mrs. Rhoda McGirt was found dead in bed by her husband when he awoke at Versailles.

Paducah had a \$35,000 fire Monday night. The rain which was falling prevented a severe conflagration.

G. D. Wilson, of Lexington, sold to Morris & Patton, St. Louis, a two-year-old thoroughbred calf for \$12,000.

The Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Air-line railroad has passed with the hands of a receiver, on account of its debts.

While hunting in Mason county Amos Riggs and Ahab Black quarrelled and Riggs shot off the top of Black's head, with a shot-gun. Riggs was arrested.

Christy & Co's elevators, the passenger depot and A. C. Bonham's residence were burned at Elizabethtown Sunday. Loss \$16,000.

Dr. T. S. Bell, an old and highly esteemed physician, was found dead in his bed at Louisville Sunday. He was 77 years old.

C. B. Simmons, treasurer of the L. & N. railroad, at Louisville, defaulted for \$35,000 Christmas and absconded. His surety, the Guarantee Company of North America, is the loser.

Ins fight between Sam Smith and Cary Smith, at Danville, the former was shot and perhaps mortally wounded. The fuss was about a cow.

## BIG FIRE NO. 2.

EIGHT BUILDINGS SUCCUMB TO THE FLAMES AT A LOSS OF \$86,000.

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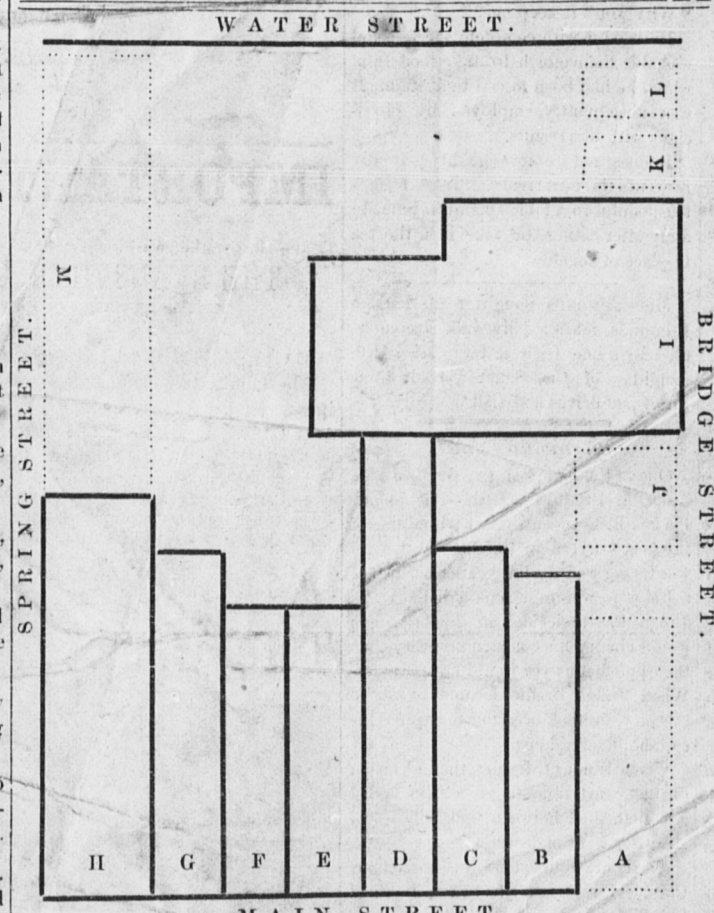
#### A DIAGRAM OF THE DISTRICT.

About 11 o'clock Monday night, Dec. 29, a fire broke out in the back room of B. F. Schoenfeld's dry goods store, (marked E in diagram) and rapidly spread to the surrounding buildings. In a very few minutes Schoenfeld's store and Crenshaw & Walker's drug store adjoining on the south were falling in and nothing was saved from them. Gish & Garner's drug store, on the north was quickly in flames; it was doomed from the first and but little was saved of the contents. Latham's and Lipstine's dry goods stores above and Felsen-thal's and Frankel's below the starting point were also devoured by the flames, though some of the goods from each were tumbled out in a damaged condition. Jno. T. Wright, on the corner of Bridge, moved out, but his house, a low one, was protected from the fire by a high fire-wall and was considerably shorter than the burning stores adjoining, and was consequently saved by hard work. The fire department under command of Capt. H. E. Wiley was soon on the scene and began to do fine work. From the cistern on Main street several fine streams were thrown. It was evident from the first that all the buildings excepting the two corner ones were doomed and every effort was made to save these and prevent the further spread of the fire. Wright's corner, owned by Mrs. Glass, was soon out of imminent danger but not so with the magnificent three-story Beard building on the corner of Spring. It was higher than the adjacent building and despite the gallant work of the fire brigade the insidious flames crept up the wall in the rear, licked away the iron cornice and caught in the garret. Here the flames gradually gained headway, as they could not be reached from below, above or within and soon a volume of smoke and flame burst forth and the beautiful structure was a seething furnace in the third story. Just at this critical moment the water gave out and the engine had to be moved to Smith's stable on Virginia street. This occupied several minutes and just as the throw of water was resumed a hose burst and a section had to be taken out. When this was done the second story of the Beard building was hopelessly in flames and the roof was ready to fall in. The engine for several minutes did fine work and checked the fire, wet the surrounding buildings and saved Wright's corner. On Bridge street a fine stream was being put on the Commercial Hotel and it seemed that that building would be partially saved, but just when the most effective work was being done a hose burst on Bridge street and before another section could be substituted it was too late to save it. On Spring street hard work was being done to save McCamy, Bonte & Co's. carriage factory in the

rear and connected with the Beard building, and the fine Garnett & Williams building across the narrow street, which was finished only a few months ago. These buildings were kept saturated and it looked like the red demon was under control. But the end was not yet. Again the waiting whistle of the engine was heard and the water ceased to flow. In a moment Capt. Wiley ordered the driver to transfer the engine to the river at the foot of Spring street. Jordan Barker, the colored driver, came thundering up Spring street, but when he reached Main the crowd called out "halt?" The outside wall of the Beard corner was reeling and cracking and the man who passed below it would have to do so at the peril of his life. But the brave driver gathered up his reins, lashed the mammoth bays into a gallop and successfully ran the gauntlet while a hundred voices were calling, "come back!" In a very few minutes the nozzles were ready for service, but just at this awful moment the one at the corner of Main and Spring streets got out of fix. The only remedy was to put on another. The large skylight in the third story, side and roof, of the Garnett & Williams building, across the 20-foot street was cracking and melting. The heated paint fell from the iron cornice in great sheets; the window-frames were scorching and smoking and the men on the roof had abandoned their wet blankets and been driven away by the heat. The heat inside of Anderson's photograph gallery was almost unendurable. Every instant seemed an age. "Hurry! hurry! hurry!" was heard on every hand, and just as it seemed that the very last moment had come before it would be too late, the firemen pointed a stream towards the melting glass and the noble structure, though owned by Baptists, was saved by a Methodist baptism. All this happened in a few minutes but it took a long hour. So intense had been the interest in this burning which needed sprinkling worse than the fellow in Texas needed a pistol, that nobody had thought of the tottering wall on the opposite side. Finding that the water barely reached the skylight opening from Main street, Ellis Roper and Henry Henderson ventured about twenty feet down Spring street. Suddenly every heart stood still. The wall was falling. "Lookout! lookout!" cried the spectators, but it was too late to escape. Jumping close to the wall opposite, they clung to the nozzle while the hot bricks fell with a crash filling the street and covering two-thirds of the narrow pavement upon which they stood. A rush was made for the spot before the dense smoke and dust cleared away, but the intrepid firemen called out "all right!" and as the cloud slowly lifted they were seen still holding the nozzle. Cheer after cheer went up from a thousand throats when their safety was assured. The falling of the wall removed the danger to the opposite building and the fire was checked. During the awful moments while the engine was being moved to the river, fireman T. T. McCamy stood upon the shingle room of the factory in the rear and fought the flames till relief came. This building was saved and at 3 o'clock A. M., the fire which was second only to that of Oct. 25, 1882, was under control.

#### THE LOSS ON BUILDINGS.

The following diagram will show the buildings destroyed. Those enclosed by rules were burned and those marked by leaders were saved:



Beginning next to Wright's corner the losses on buildings were as follows: (B) M. Lipstine, \$3,000, insurance, \$4,000; (C) Jno. C. Latham, \$4,000, insurance, \$4,000; (D) Gish & Garner, \$6,000, insurance, \$4,000; (E) Mrs. Gooch, \$1,800, insurance, \$1,400; (F) Mrs. Welch, \$1,200, insurance, \$1,000; (G) D. R. Beard, \$1,500, insurance, \$1,500; (H) D. R. Beard, \$6,000, insurance, \$5,000; (I) E. G. Callis, \$5,000, insurance, \$4,000. The aggregated value of these eight buildings destroyed is \$28,500 and the insurance on same \$23,900.

#### THE LOSS ON STOCKS.

We inclose in parentheses the estimated value of the entire stock in each instance and give the estimated

net loss: M. Lipstine, dry goods, (\$18,000) loss \$9,000, insurance \$18,000; C. M. Latham, dry goods, (\$22,000) loss \$11,000, insurance \$17,000; Gish & Garner, drugs, (\$10,000) loss \$9,000, insurance \$10,000; B. F. Schoenfeld, dry goods, (\$3,000) total loss; insurance \$2,500; Crenshaw & Walker, drugs, (\$1,300) total loss, insurance \$1,300; Mrs. M. Felsen-thal, dry goods, (\$6,500) loss \$3,000, insurance \$6,500; M. Frankel & Sons, dry goods, (\$27,000) loss \$15,000, insurance \$18,000. The losses in the upper stories were as follows: Drs. Campbell & Medley \$50 and Dr. J. M. Dennis \$50. These gentlemen moved out, but lost carpets, etc. The Knights of Pythias Lodge effects with furni-

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ture, carpets etc, in the third story of Beard's building, worth probably \$800 was a total loss, insurance \$500. The Telephone Company over Gish & Garner's lost \$300, no insurance; Bailey Waller and Bryan Hopper, who roomed over Latham's, lost effects to the value of \$100, no insurance; Hargraves & Co., barbers, over Crenshaw & Walker, \$150, no insurance. The other buildings were occupied below and above by the same parties. On Bridge Street, J. M. Tandy, bar and hotel (\$2,500) lost about \$750 not insured, insurance \$2,500. These losses, not insured, \$53,300 with \$76,800 insurance.

Jno. T. Wright, clothing, (\$12,000) damages in moving estimated at \$2,000 insurance \$11,000; McCamy, Bonte & Co., damages to house and stock, \$750, insurance \$800; Garnett & Williams, damage to building, \$250, insured fully; Geo. O. Thompson, damage to windows across Main street, \$200, fully insured. These make \$4,000 additional losses, all covered by insurance. The total losses are \$53,800 and the total insurance about \$108,000. The losses not covered by insurance will not exceed \$7,000, while many of the insurance companies will sustain only partial losses. The following is a statement of the insurance companies as far as could be ascertained:

WILKINSON, CAMPBELL & CO'S AGENCY. German American—\$5,000 on Frankel & Sons' stock, \$500 on K. of P. effects, \$1,500 on Lipstine's stock, \$2,000 on Wright's stock—total \$9,000. Phoenix of Hartford—\$5,000 on Frankel & Sons, \$2,500 on C. M. Latham's stock, \$2,500 on Lipstine's, \$2,000 on Wright's—total \$12,000. Hartford—\$2,500 on Gish & Garner's stock, \$3,000 on Latham's—\$5,500. N. Y. Underwriters—\$1,500 on Latham's building. Connecticut—\$1,000 on Tandy's stock, \$2,000 on Wright's, \$1,500 on Lipstine's building—\$5,500. Total amounts \$33,500.

#### CALLIS & HAYS.

Commercial Union—\$1,400 on Gooch's building, \$2,000 on Felsen-thal's stock, \$2,000 on Callis' building—\$4,000 on Latham's stock—total \$8,400. Northwestern—\$2,000 on Felsen-thal, \$2,000 on Callis' building—total \$4,000. London—\$2,500 on Felsen-thal, \$800 on McCamy, Bonte & Co.—total \$3,300. North British—\$3,000 on Frankel, Lancashire—\$1,000 on Tandy, \$1,500 on Beard's building, \$500 on Crenshaw & Walker—total \$3,000. Total amount \$21,700. LONG, GARNETT & CO. Orient of Hartford—\$3,000 on Latham. National of Hartford—\$1,250 on Gish & Garner. Springfield—\$2,000 on Frankel. Guardian—\$2,500 on Gish & Garner. Union Phila.—\$3,000 on Lipstine, \$1,000 on Gish & Garner—total \$4,000. Washington—\$1,250 on Gish & Garner. Total amount \$17,600. WINFREE & KELLY. Home of N. Y.—\$5,000 on Lipstine, \$2,000 on Latham—total \$7,000. Liverpool, L & G—\$2,500 on Lipstine, \$2,500 on Gish & Garner—total \$5,000. North American—\$2,000 on Frankel. Total amount \$12,000. ABERNATHY & WOOLDRIDGE. Northern—\$1,500 on Frankel. Manufacturer's—\$1,500 on Lipstine. Scottish Union—\$2,000 on Latham. Total amount \$5,000.

JNO. W. MOPHERSON Continental N. Y.—\$4,000 on Latham. The Commercial Hotel was a commodious two-story building. Upstairs a large hall was used as a court room back in the sixties, while the court-house was being built. It was subsequently used as a printing office and the South Kentuckian office was in it for four years. In 1833 this hall was cut up into rooms and the house was turned into the European Hotel, which changed hands and became the Commercial a few weeks ago. It was joined in the rear to Gish & Garner's drug store. Already the owners of the burned buildings are talking about rebuilding. The scarcity of brick is all that will retard the work of replacing the property destroyed.

DIDN'T REMEMBER HIS OWN NAME. A gentleman of this city tells the following anecdote of the late Dr. Spring, for many years of the Old Brick Church in New York City, for the accuracy of which he vouches: When the doctor had reached a good old age and had become somewhat feeble, he was met by one of his parishioners just as he was coming out of the New York postoffice. "How do you do, Dr. Spring?" said the friend; "I am very glad to see you." "How do you do, —?" replied the doctor. "I am very well, and I am very thankful to have met you, for I have a letter in the postoffice, but couldn't get it because I couldn't remember my own name. Now I can go in and get it."

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ESTRAY. Taken up as a stray, by W. G. Fox, living on the Palmyra road, two miles north of Galtysburg, Christian county, Ky., on the 18th of Dec. 1884, one white and black spotted yearling steer, having brands or other marks, and which has been apprized by Drs. Boyd and A. S. Orbell, of the age of eight dollars. Witness my hand and the 20th day of Jan. 1885. J. P. C. C. A. PRIZE. Send six cents for a list of goods which will give you more money than anything else in the world. All of these goods open before the workers, starting at once address. True & Co., Augusta, Me.

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## DE LESSEPS' LOVE STORY.

The *Peacock* says that Ferdinand de Lesseps has been an Othello, though without the mischievous ill-luck of Shakespeare's swarthy hero. Like Othello, he won his present beautiful wife by the narration of his adventures and dangers. M. de Lesseps is now on the verge of 80, but in spite of his great age he retains the hopefulness and freshness of youth, and he has been compared, in this respect, to Pythagoras, Titian and Alexander von Humboldt, and even to those heroes of Indian legend who enjoy their life twice over. At the age of 68, M. de Lesseps was left a widower, and had a troop of grown-up sons and daughters. Some few years after, it was reported, to the amazement of the world, that the lively septuagenarian had married a young Creole maiden of astonishing beauty who has since brought him six children. In a certain Parisian family, where M. de Lesseps often visited, there was a very few sisters. The old man delighted to gather them around him, and relate stirring episodes from his travels. One day, while speaking of his experiences in Palestine, he said that he had undergone great dangers and difficulties among the Arabs, because they could not conceive how a man could live without a wife. The prettiest of the sisters innocently asked, "Why, then, do you not marry again?" "Because I am too old," replied M. de Lesseps. "Besides," he added, "if I were to fall in love with a young girl, it would be absurd to think that she would fall in love with me." "Who knows?" observed the questioner. Lesseps told his young listeners about the rose of Jericho, which, after being dried, and placed in water, again bursts out into bloom.

Soon afterward he obtained one of these roses, and presented it to the young girl. In a few days she appeared with the reblossomed rose in her hand, which she gave to the honored guest, saying at the same time: "See what a miracle the water has effected upon the rose; it is the blooming of love in old age." Their eyes met, and M. de Lesseps, believing that his *Desdemona* had a meaning in what she said, quietly said: "If you really think that you deserve to share the remaining years of old man, here is my hand." But for this marriage it is very uncertain whether the bold projector would have undertaken the laborious task at Panama. She is always at his side, and has been his chief help and support throughout his arduous conflicts with politicians, money-lenders, inquirers and laborers.

—London Echo.

## THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR.

Great Britain's possession of the rock of Gibraltar is a relic of a bygone age. It has for many generations been an ornament of the least agreeable side of European politics. Gibraltar is by position a Spanish fortress, and its name is a synonym for impregnability. Why, then, should it be occupied by a foreign power? On no theory of fair play can the fact be accounted for, but not till recently has a British love of justice seen anything improper in it. Agitation for the recovery of the fortress is now in progress in Spain, and the English radicals to a considerable extent sympathize with it. Sentimentalism, however, is not alone at the bottom of the talk of surrender. Modern modes of warfare are such that Gibraltar is not indispensable to British glory. Its harbor is poor and is commanded by the rocks of other forts. No force could hold Gibraltar, it is admitted, but that not increase its importance to England. For at this day a rendezvous for the African fleet of ironclads is of importance to a land fort not with good anchorage ground of the class which compose the harbor. There is a harbor on the largest mountain of the world, suitable to receive the fleet of the largest men-of-war, and guarded by fortifications, and accessible to supplies from abroad. The changes in fifty years in the art of war would make this port equivalent for Gibraltar. It is not strange that the moving spirit of Spanish nationality politics for the recovery of the historic fortress.

## HOW THE FRENCH WORKMAN LIVES.

The French laborer probably gets more for his wages than any other. His food is cheaper and more nourishing. His bouillon is the liquid essence of beef, at a penny per bowl. His bread, at the restaurant, is thrown in without any charge, and is the best in the world. His hot coffee and milk is peddled about the streets in the morning at a sou per cup. It is coffee, not slops. His half-bottle of claret is thrown in at a meal costing 12 cents. For a few cents he may enjoy an evening at one of the minor theaters, with his coffee free. Sixpence pays for a nicely-cushioned seat at the theater. No gallery gods, no peanuts, pipe-smoking, drunkenness, yelling or howling. The Jardin des Plantes, the vast galleries and museums of the Louvre, Hotel Cluny, palace of the Luxembourg and Versailles are free to him to enter. Art and science hold out to him their choicest treasures at a small cost, or no cost at all. French economy and frugality do not mean the constant roidement and self-denial which would deprive life of everything worth living for. Economy in France, more than any other country, means a utilization of what America throws away; but it does not mean a pinching process of

## MANAGEMENT OF SICK CHILDREN.

The vicissitudes necessarily incident to an outdoor and primitive mode of life are never the first causes of any disease, though they may sometimes betray its presence. Bronchitis, nowadays perhaps the most frequent of all infantile diseases, makes no exception to this rule; a draught of cold air may reveal the latent progress of the disorder, but its cause is long confinement in a vitiated and overheated atmosphere, and its proper remedy ventilation and a mild, phlegm-loosening (saccharine) diet, warm sweet milk, sweet oatmeal porridge or honey-water. Select an airy bedroom and do not be afraid to open the windows; among the children of the Indian tribes who brave in open tents the terrible winters of the Hudson Bay territory, bronchitis, croup and diphtheria are wholly unknown; and what we call "taking cold" might often be more correctly described as taking hot; glowing stoves, and even open fires in a night-nursery, greatly aggravate the pernicious effects of an impure atmosphere. The first paroxysm of croup can be promptly relieved by very simple remedies; fresh air and a rapid forward-and-backward movement of the arms, combined in urgent cases with the application of a flesh-brush (or a piece of flannel) to the neck and the upper part of the chest. Paregoric and poppy-sinapism stop the cough by lulling the irritability, and thus preventing the discharge of the phlegm till its accumulation produces a second and far more dangerous paroxysm. These second attacks of croup (after the administration of palliatives) are generally the fatal ones. When the child is convalescing, let him beware of stimulating food and overheated rooms. Do not give aperient medicines; costiveness, as an after-effect of pleuritic affections, will soon yield to fresh air and a vegetable diet.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

## CITIES OF THE PLAINS.

The prairie dogs, peaceable citizens, and the only rightful owners of the home which their own industry has provided them, are joined by two squatters—the snakes and the owls. The dogs, being socially disposed, not only allowed them to remain undisturbed, but in visiting each other at their respective homes left their babies unprotected in their nests at home, not suspecting danger. The rattlesnakes, taking a mean advantage of their simple-minded neighbors, devour one or more of the little innocents during their absence, and as prairie dogs can't count, and as their families are usually numerous, they remain ignorant of the foul crimes daily perpetrated in their midst. The owl now appears as an actor in this little tragic drama. He feeds upon vermin, moles, etc., but I am informed, upon reliable authority, that this owl is also very fond of baby rattlesnakes, and returns the compliment of Mr. Snake for his kind attention to the prairie dogs, by eating up the young snakes. Thus swift retribution is dealt to this base and ungrateful wretch, who so unworthily occupies his squatter quarters, in the burrow of the unoffending prairie dog. I suppose the real truth is that nature has grouped them together so that they may prey upon one another, and thus prevent the too-rapid increase of these troublesome animals.—*Cor. Albany Argus.*

## COTTON STATISTICS.

"I think," said an Austin merchant to a one-armed man, who wanted to negotiate a loan on personal security, "that you might go out into the country and pick cotton at 60 cents a hundred."

"Pick cotton, when the crop is already up to 6,000,000 bales a year! Not much. Besides I've only got one arm, and can't hold an umbrella over my person while I am at work. Rather than pick cotton, I would pick a shady place and take a rest."—*Texas Siftings.*

An Ohio woman owed a man \$320. To wipe out the debt she married him, and then for \$60 she got a divorce, thus saving \$260.

## THE FUNNY THINGS WE DO.

Have you ever reflected upon the very many funny things we do, for which we can give no particular reason? How is it that we do not give five cheers, four cheers, two cheers, one cheer? Why is it that we give three cheers and no more? Who can tell?

Why is it that the majority of people use their right hand instead of their left, and cannot help smiling at those who use the latter?

Why is it that a man cannot see a bundle of tooth-picks without helping himself to one when he does not need it?

Why is it that a small boy cannot let a thin, wasted wasp fly in peace, without furiously going for it with his new straw hat; or why is it that the small girl will always insist upon lugging home a kitten that has not even learned to open its eyes?

Why is it that when one asks the number of days there are in a certain month, we always say over to ourselves: "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November?"

Why is it that we turn to the right instead of to the left, when the left is far more preferable, and if adopted would save many an accident on railroads and highways? The driver always sits up on the right of his vehicle; in turning to the right he is farthest away from the wagon he passes, and unless he is an expert cannot tell how close he comes to the wheels of the man who goes by him, whereas, if he turned to the left side, he could look straight down, see the fraction of an inch how close he was approaching an obstacle and thus avoid it. The engineer runs upon the right-hand track, and sits upon the right-hand side of his cab. The long, narrow locomotive, with its sand-tower, bell and smoke-stack, is in front of him cutting off his observation. He can view only his own track, while the opposite, save at a distance, is almost wholly unseen by him. (On some railroads the reverse is the custom.)

Custom, owing to causes we know not of, has established these curious precedents, and from observation and education we unwittingly do thousands of things to say the least, funny.

## A REVERSIBLE JOKE.

A Burlington man wedded a young wife. The lady became enthused over Will Carleton's tale of the elopement of a handsome young woman with a "handsome man," and determined to try the same thing herself. She wrote a neat little note, stating that she had left home with a gentleman whom she had dearly loved before she had met her husband, and that he need not trouble himself to look for them. Then she called in her younger brother and went calling with him, arranging to return and hide where she could witness her liege lord's dismay when he came to read of her flight. She from her place of concealment saw him enter, saw him look all around in surprise at her absence, and finally saw him discover the note. He opened and read it, while her heart beat high with excitement in anticipation of the breaking out she expected to hear.

The poor fellow finished the cruel missive; tore it up, and threw the fragments on the floor, and then, without a moment's warning, drew a revolver and fired point-blank at his breast, and fell without a sign of life to the carpet. With a terrified scream, the woman was at her husband's side in a moment, lifting his head, rolling him, shaking him, turning him, and hunting for blood, all the time shrieking to her William to speak to her, to forgive her, to only look at her. William lay motionless, however, and the neighborhood, aroused by the shot and screams, came flocking to learn of the excitement, when suddenly, when a score or more had gathered, the dead leaped up from the floor as well as ever, at which the wife fainted away. She soon revived, however, and then it all came out that the younger brother, being in sympathy with William, had let him into the scheme, and he had chosen that mode of punishing his joking wife. She jokes no more, but her husband has compromised on a pony position to keep peace in the family.—*Burlington Hawk-Eye.*

## TO MAKE A POMPOUS.

Cut off the legs and wings of your drake at the first joint. Cut off the bill where the feathers terminate. Split the skin under the head down to where the neck begins. Cut through the skin on the back, near the wing, up to the beginning of the neck. Then begin carefully to draw off the skin. On reaching the neck, gently draw the skin over, after having skinned the head and cut it off, care having been taken to encircle the eyes. To prepare the skin, lay it on a warm stove, with the bare skin up, and dry slowly. Lay on magnesia to absorb the oil, and frequently lay fresh brown paper on it; a warm (not hot) flat-iron to be placed on the paper. Should any stain get on the feathers, a rag, dipped in a little ammonia and water, will remove it. The breast makes a beautiful pompon, and the soft wing feathers next the body may be used for ornaments.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

## MRS. BOKER'S ADVICE TO OSCAR WILDE.

The story is going around that Mr. Wilde and Mrs. Boker were chatting over some bric-a-brac at a dinner at a well-known house on Walnut street, Philadelphia. Mr. Wilde expressed himself as being delighted with the manifestations of the love of the beautiful and true which met him in Philadelphia.

"Indeed, don't you know, there is so great a degree of culture that I fear I have no mission after all. Will you not advise me?"

"But people hate to take advice, no matter how earnestly and sincerely it is given," said the lady.

"But from you!" said the aesthete.

"Really?"

"Yes. I assure you I am quite—"

"Then, Mr. Wilde, my advice is to shorten your hair and lengthen your breeches."

The Government is required to pay \$6.50 for every word cabled to Peru.

## What You Say.

"There are many frauds advertised for the hair," you say. So there are, but Parker's Hair Balsam is not one of them. It will not work miracles, but it will do better service for your hair than anything else you can find. Restores its original color, cures dandruff, gives new growth. Elegantly perfumed. Not a dye.

## THE DEVIL COME UP TO COOL OFF.

"One evening, about Lewisburg, on the Arkansas," said Capt. Paul Boyton, "I was on the lookout for some place where I could stop, or for some person from whom I could obtain information, when near the bank of the river, I discovered smoke issuing from the chimney of a small cabin. I hauled to and blew my bugle. For some time the smoke issuing from the chimney was the only sign of life. Finally a man, an easy kind of individual, came walking down leisurely, regarding me curiously.

"How far is it to Lewisburg?" I asked.

"It's a pretty good distance."

"But how far do you call it?"

"I don't call it."

"Confound it, man, is it two, three or four thousand miles?"

"I reckon it's one of the numbers."

"Then I realized that I had met a kinsman of the Arkansas Traveler. My irritation, which had at first been exhibited, subsided, and, desiring to get as much information as possible, I asked, pointing to a bar:

"Which side of the channel shall I take?"

"Either side you please!"

"Which do you consider the better?"

"I am not attendin' to other people's business."

"Which side do the steamboats take?"

"It's owin' to what Captain is aboard."

"Well, bringing the thing down to a point, how long will it take me to get to Lewisburg?"

"It's owin' ter how fast you travel."

"My friend, I think you are the biggest fool in Arkansas."

"An', stranger, I think you are the least come up to cool off. Go home."

## Poor Woman.

Weak back; tremulous nerves; rheumatic muscles; dyspeptic stomach; torpid liver. Bad combination isn't it? Well, vitiate your blood with Brown's Iron Bitters. Tone your nerves; banish rheumatism; drive out dyspepsia. Then you are a new woman. Mrs. W. A. Crawford, Tullahoma, Tenn., had nervousness and neuralgia. She derived great benefit from the use of Brown's Iron Bitters.

## "RETURNED WITH THANKS."

The Boston Herald has been examining the history of distinguished writers, and finds that very few authors have not experienced the pain that attends the effect of "returned with thanks." "The Yellowplush Papers" of the former were among the most brilliant and popular essays in *Fraser's Magazine*; but, when Thackeray once sent an essay in the style of "The Yellowplush Papers" to the *Edinburgh Review*, it was so cut and mutilated by the editor that even the consolation of a respectable check was not enough to sweeten the painful memory of that magazine.

Prosper Merimee had all his plays "returned with thanks" by all managers and publishers until he hit upon the idea of passing them off for translations from the Spanish of a once-famous actress, Clara Gazul, a bait which was at once swallowed by a publisher interested in the romantic school of the day, just coming into fashion, and this mystification helped the work to a great success. Theophile Gautier and Octave Feuillet had their first novels rejected by various journals, and the manuscripts were probably never read; but when, at last, they were published, they made a great sensation. Alphonse Daudet, whose various stories have passed through fifty or sixty editions, saw the best and most attractive work he ever wrote, and in which he had related a part of the story of his own life and development, refused by several journals, although he already enjoyed considerable reputation and an influential position as Secretary to the Duc de Morny; but the novel received the greatest recognition when, at last, it appeared.

Anthony Trollope furnishes another example of late successes after many disappointed expectations. His literary spurs were gained by work in the leisure hours left him by his position in the postoffice. Dickens was one who had uncommon luck as an author, in happy contrast to the almost-tragic struggles of Thackeray for recognition. From the time his first magazine article was printed to the time when he laid down his pen on an unfinished page of "Edwin Drood," his career was an uninterrupted series of triumphs.

John Lothrop Motley had to undergo the humiliation of receiving the manuscript of "The Rise of the Dutch Republic" back from the famous publisher, John Murray, of London, with thanks and compliments. Carlyle found great difficulty in getting a publisher for his "History of the French Revolution," even after he had rewritten the whole in consequence of the burning of the first manuscript by an ignorant servant-girl.

## HE CAME DOWN.

The following is told of James R. Randall, editor of the *Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle and Constitutionalist*:

He attended preaching at a colored church in the country, and had in his pocket a silver half dollar, just the ticket fare back to Augusta. At the conclusion of his sermon the minister, ordered a collection for his own benefit. "Of course," said he, "I expect every man to give something; but I've told Mr. Thomas up the lane yander had some turkeys stole Friday night. I don't want any man who had a 'han' in stealin' den turkeys to put any money in de hat." When the hat reached Randall not a man had denied, and the preacher's eyes were on him. His half-dollar went into the hat.

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